

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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Subject: Juveniles as Informants or Decoys		

I. Policy Statement

The Division of Juvenile Justice Services shall not allow juveniles, in the custody of the Division, to be used as police decoys or ongoing informants.

II. Rationale

The use of juveniles as decoys or informants would expose the juvenile to potential criminal elements and unreasonable safety risks.

III. Definitions

- A. An informant is an individual that is continually used to provide ongoing information to law enforcement and/or Division staff about criminal activity.
- B. Decoys are subjects that are used by law enforcement to attract criminals that are intending to violate the law.

IV. Procedures

- A. Staff shall not allow juveniles to participate in ongoing informant or decoy activities while in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services.
- B. Staff shall permit an investigation and/or interrogation by law enforcement during an official investigation.
- C. In the event law enforcement requests to interview a juvenile regarding the commission of a crime(s), refer to policy 05-15, Requests by Law Enforcement.

V. Continuous Renewal

This policy shall be reviewed five (5) years from its effective date to determine its effectiveness and appropriateness. This policy may be reviewed before that time to reflect substantive change.

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This policy has been reviewed by the Board of Juvenile Justice Services and is approved upon the signature of the Director.

Jody Valentine, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice Services

Date

Dan Maldonado, Director
Division of Juvenile Justice Services

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